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December 9, 1982

Mr. Peter Behrens, President
Great Salt Lake Minerals &
Chemicals Corporation
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RE: Permitting
Little Mountain Mine
ACT/057/002
Weber County, Utah

Dear Mr. Behrens:

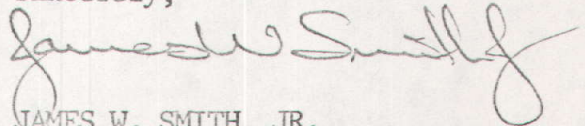
As you are aware, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining staff has been working on permitting the Little Mountain Mine since November of 1981. A letter addressing deficiencies in the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) filed by Great Salt Lake Minerals & Chemicals Corporation (GSLMCC) was mailed from DOGM on April 5, 1982. Since then, a meeting between DOGM and GSLMCC occurred on July 19, 1982 and a follow-up letter requesting a response to the original deficiency letter was sent August 31, 1982.

At this time, DOGM still has not received a written response to the April 5, 1981 review letter. It is the Division's policy to allow existing operations to continue mining throughout the permitting process, as long as there is cooperation from the operator and the process is proceeding towards the goal of granting a mining permit. To date, GSLMCC has not been entirely cooperative with the Division during the permitting process. If an item-by-item response to DOGM's April 5 letter is not received by January 31, 1983, an Order to Show Cause as to why mining should be allowed to continue at GSLMCC's unpermitted operation will be issued, and you will be called to explain GSLMCC's position before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining at their regular monthly meeting in February.

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If there are extenuating circumstances why this deadline cannot be met, please contact me with a date when such a response can be given. It is hoped that this matter can be resolved without the necessity of a formal hearing. Please feel free to contact me or Sue Linner of my staff for further assistance or clarification.

Sincerely,



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COORDINATOR OF MINED
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